

R&D activity in the United States. That's the effect of increasing the tax burden borne by those innovating businesses.

Will there be a loss of jobs, Madam Speaker? The answer is yes. One study concludes the job losses would total over 20,000 jobs in the first five years. As bad as that is, the same study concludes job losses would be three times as much in the second five years. We're talking about 60,000 jobs lost.

How will this change affect U.S. global competitiveness, Madam Speaker? The answer is it will hurt U.S. competitiveness abroad. If allowed to remain in effect, the U.S. policy of amortization would treat innovation-related expenses worse than any other developed country. Prior to amortization going into effect, the U.S. was already ranked 27th of 37 OECD countries with respect to R&D incentives. If amortization remains, things get worse. In effect, the U.S. will fall further behind our competitors when it comes to incentivizing R&D.

If Congress fails to delay amortization before March 31st, the first quarter of 2022, businesses will be forced to act. Estimated cash tax payments will increase by more than \$8 billion in just the first quarter alone. The effect will be an immediate reduction in capital that can support R&D. Of prime concern to Congress should be the loss of more than 20,000 direct R&D jobs this year without our action.

A four-year delay of amortization is included in the House-passed Build Back Better legislation and the initial Senate substitute. I would have hoped we would already have addressed this issue, but while progress on that legislation awaits final disposition in the Senate, Congress must begin to consider whatever is the fastest path to enactment because time is of the essence.

One option would be the two pieces of legislation designed to address China competition. The House is considering the America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing Pre-Eminence in Technology and Economic Stability ("America COMPETES") Act of 2022. Our Senate colleagues have passed their own version of China competition legislation. Speaker PELOSI has said she plans to reach a bipartisan agreement to bring these two bills together.

Madam Speaker, what does restoring deductibility of R&D have to do with the China competition bills? The short answer is plenty. In terms of competitiveness, China and America are moving in different directions on tax incentives for R&D. The Chinese have enacted a super deduction for R&D expenses. For manufacturing companies in China, that deduction yields an extra 100 percent of eligible R&D expenses. This deduction is in addition to actual R&D expenses incurred. That's why they call it a super deduction.

Let's discuss an example. A manufacturing company that undertakes \$100 of R&D in China would deduct \$200. By contrast, a company that undertakes \$100 of R&D in the United States would deduct only \$10 in 2022. R&D conducted in China would thus receive 20 times the tax benefit of R&D conducted in the U.S. When all R&D incentives are considered, China would have incentives more than 11 times as generous as those of the United States. Eleven times as generous, Madam Speaker. How are American companies going to win the race with Chinese companies who have that kind of head start?

We should look at including the four-year delay of amortization of R&D in the final Amer-

ica COMPETES legislation. Inclusion becomes more important if it appears to be moving more quickly than the Build Back Better legislation.

Madam Speaker, there is another legislative vehicle Congress should consider for this urgent matter. Congress is in the process of addressing defense and non-defense appropriations spending because the continuing resolution expires on February 18, 2022. Congressional negotiators should be aware that a reversal of the decades-old R&D tax incentives brings adverse national security consequences.

Where's the linkage to national security? Look no further than the National Science and Technology Council. They concluded that "ensuring national security and resilience is critical for the United States, especially as other nations dramatically increase their R&D expenditures" and sustained R&D investments "are essential to ensure that the United States remains able to secure and protect the American people in the face of this increased competition." Ignoring R&D amortization would have implications for our national security interests and should be resolved by the time these issues are settled.

Madam Speaker, strong tax incentives for R&D have long had bipartisan support. The initial R&D credit was passed by a Democratic House. Republican Senate, and signed by President Reagan. Last year a bipartisan group of 96 House members and 26 Senators introduced legislation permanently reversing amortization of R&D expenditures. With amortization of R&D now in effect, the bipartisan goal of restoring this bipartisan tax incentive becomes even more compelling.

Congress must act immediately, certainly before the end of this quarter, to maintain the immediate deductibility of R&D expenditures. As each month passes, failure to act yields proportionately more harm to US innovation and competitiveness. All available legislative vehicles should be considered.

Madam Speaker, America's innovators cannot wait further.

#### ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS OF ST. PAUL

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 3, 2022*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to call attention to correspondence I recently received from Todd Axtell, Chief of the St. Paul Police Department. Chief Axtell and the men and women in uniform of the department who serve my constituents are extraordinary public servants who operate with a level of professionalism that has been consistently demonstrated during the difficult circumstances of the past two years. Therefore, I include in the RECORD Chief Axtell's letter to highlight the increasing challenges being placed on St. Paul police officers.

At this moment, the City of St. Paul is the venue for the federal trial of three former Minneapolis police officers involved in the murder of Mr. George Floyd in May 2020. This trial has been brought by federal authorities, regarding federal civil rights charges, and concerns a crime that occurred in Minneapolis,

not in St. Paul. By selecting St. Paul as the venue for this federal trial, extraordinary security and financial burdens are being placed upon the City of St. Paul, Ramsey County, and our local taxpayers.

It is my belief that the federal court and Department of Justice must not be allowed to shift security related costs onto local government and taxpayers. This is simply unacceptable. Therefore, I am exploring funding options that will ensure the federal government covers all costs associated with security for this federal trial and the City of St. Paul, the St. Paul Police Department, and the property taxpayers of St. Paul are held financially harmless. Though I cannot guarantee funding, my office will make every effort to achieve this goal.

Madam Speaker, I remain committed to working with both local and federal counterparts to achieve a positive outcome for the people of St. Paul. I would also like to recognize Chief Axtell for his leadership and the day-to-day commitment of the St. Paul Police Department to meet the needs of our constituents.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL,  
*January 21, 2022.*

Hon. BETTY MCCOLLUM,  
*House of Representatives, Saint Paul, MN.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE MCCOLLUM: The murder of Mr. George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers on May 25, 2020 sparked unprecedented civil unrest in the State of Minnesota and across the globe.

For several days, an outpouring of frustration sparked reactions ranging from massive demonstrations, to looting, to widespread destruction of property. In the Twin Cities, two people were killed and our community suffered millions of dollars in property damage, including 330 buildings in Saint Paul that were damaged or destroyed.

The past two years have brought dramatic changes in law enforcement staffing; police officers are leaving the profession in numbers that haven't been seen before. The Saint Paul Police Department is currently down 80 sworn officers, our lowest staffing level since the 1990's. Additionally, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic offers daily staffing challenges as members of our department contract the highly contagious virus and are required to quarantine.

While short-staffed, Saint Paul officers are being pushed to the brink while continuing to deliver the high level of service expected by our community. In 2021, Saint Paul experienced a record high number of homicides and saw dramatic increases in other violent crimes.

While struggling to meet the day-to-day challenges of maintaining public safety, our department was notified at the end of November 2021 that the federal civil rights trial for the four former Minneapolis police officers involved in George Floyd's murder would be held in downtown Saint Paul at the federal courthouse—even though the tragic incident occurred in a different jurisdiction.

As the murder of Mr. Floyd took place in the City of Minneapolis while in custody of Minneapolis police officers, no one anticipated the federal trial being held in Saint Paul.

Law enforcement organizations are typically given six to twelve months to plan for a trial of this magnitude. However, we were given fewer than two months to plan and prepare with our federal and local partners for the upcoming federal trial.

Tensions in the community remain high. Protests and calls for systemic changes continue. The upcoming federal trial has been highly publicized and may inflame intense emotions for individuals across the country.

While we have worked diligently to prepare, it will come at a steep price to our community, our financial bottom line and our officers' wellbeing.

Preliminary budget numbers show this trial could cost the City of Saint Paul \$2 million and up to an additional \$2 million in mutual aid costs for our East Metro partners. These estimates cover items such as training, equipment, protecting critical infrastructure and fencing, personnel costs, and other needs that arise as a result of the trial being held in our city.

With staffing levels critically low, personnel working during an ongoing pandemic, and officers working a great deal of overtime just to maintain minimum staffing levels, having this federal trial in our city is an extremely heavy lift for our department.

I respectfully seek assistance from the FY22 Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) funding bill to reimburse the City of Saint Paul. It is our hope that this will ease the financial strain that the upcoming federal trial will place on our department.

The Saint Paul Police Department's point of contact for additional information is Deputy Chief Stacy Murphy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TODD AXTELL,  
Chief of Police.

ERIC FETROW

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of presenting Eric Fetrow with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Eric started out in Cub Scout Pack when he was just 7 years old and then joined Boy Scout Troop 7 when he was 11 years old. For his Eagle Scout project, he made updates to the Gabriel Memorial Baseball Fields in Galloway, South Jersey, where he played baseball for 10 years. Eric replaced the sign at the field, as well as refurbished the flagpole. Currently, he attends Alderson Broaddus University, where he is majoring in business and earned a scholarship to play on the lacrosse team. Eric should be proud of his accomplishments and it was an honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. God Bless Eric and God Bless America.

BRYAN BRADFORD

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the Citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Bryan Bradford, Specialist, United States Army, of Grapevine, Texas for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued dedication to his community.

Mr. Bradford enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1989 and served until 1993 as a radio operator. Bradford was deployed to the Middle East in 1991 as part of Operation Desert

Storm during the Persian Gulf War. His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second award, the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of a third award, the Good Conduct Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star denoting participation in two campaigns, and the National Defense Service Medal.

After leaving the Army, Mr. Bradford has brought the same love he had for his country and poured it into making his community a better place. Mr. Bradford has worked as a certified nutritionist, certified health coach and has been the Chief Nutrition Officer at Sunflower Shoppe for 27 years, which has been a service to the citizens of Colleyville and Fort Worth by providing the means to live healthier lifestyles.

Mr. Bradford's career is marked with heroism and is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
CORPORAL YSABEL "MAC" ORTIZ

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Corporal Ysabel "Mac" Ortiz, who proudly served his country in the Korean War and was missing in action for 70 years.

Corporal Ortiz was born in 1931 and raised in El Monte, California. As a third generation El Montean, he attended El Monte High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army at the age of 17. In 1950, Corporal Ortiz was deployed to fight in the Korean War and was assigned to a M-19 anti-aircraft tank. His tank took a direct hit on December 2, 1950, and his remains were not found for 70 years. In January of 1954, Corporal Ortiz was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for making the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Although he was listed as missing in action, his family never gave up hope that he would someday return home and receive the hero's burial he so much deserved. In 2019, 55 caskets containing the remains of American soldiers were returned to the United States after a summit with North Korea, and DNA evidence provided by Corporal Ortiz's siblings was instrumental in identifying his remains. Over 70 years later, he finally made it home.

Corporal Ortiz is survived by his mother Concha Ortiz (now deceased), his father Ysabel M. Ortiz, Sr. (now deceased), his brothers Harold Ortiz (now deceased) and Jose Lucio Ortiz (now deceased), his sisters Esmeralda "Chata" Ortiz Ureno (now deceased) and Jennie Sanchez (now deceased), his step-brothers Rudy Ortiz (now deceased), Manuel Ortiz of El Monte, and Joe Ortiz of Bakersfield, and step-sisters Rose Soto of West Covina and Ana Sanchez of Murrieta.

Over the next 70 years, both Corporal Ortiz's family and community would work to recognize his sacrifice and to ensure that his memory lived on. Corporal Ortiz is recognized on a bronze plaque honoring our nation's war dead at the El Monte Historical Museum, and

his photo also hangs at the La Historia Museum/Museo de Los Barrios veterans' exhibit in El Monte. In 2022, a new 53-unit veterans housing project developed by the Cesar Chavez Foundation is scheduled to be opened in El Monte and will be named Plaza Ortiz in honor of Corporal Ortiz. The housing project will include a monument with a mural and a plaque to commemorate Corporal Ortiz's service to our nation.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of fallen Corporal Ysabel "Mac" Ortiz, and I would like to recognize the dedication and years of work shown by his family to finally have Corporal Ortiz laid to rest with full honors at Riverside National Cemetery in California. I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing Corporal Ortiz's ultimate sacrifice for our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE KERN COUNTY  
BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce on their 20th anniversary.

The Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2002 by Ali and Earlena Morris. The Chamber's work has provided opportunities for African American businesses to succeed. Their concentration of resources on critical areas of business has assured growth and sustainability for Kern County. In addition, the Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce won the Chamber of the Year award in 2008.

The Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping low- and moderate-income communities build wealth through establishing connections for members and introducing them to information and resources. They also support African American students through their scholarship and youth programs which provide participants an opportunity to explore into the world of business at a young age.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce for their 20 years of service to the Central Valley.

RECOGNIZING ROSS MALONE, JR.  
ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. BROOKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary Alabamian, on the occasion of his 100th birthday, Mr. Ross Malone, Jr.

Ross Malone Jr. was born February 10th, 1922, to Ross Malone Sr. and Corine Bibb Malone in Decatur, Alabama. When he was in Junior High, his parents relocated to Louisville, Kentucky for his fathers' job at L&N Railway. In 1941, Mr. Malone graduated from Central High School in Louisville, KY.